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ONE DEAD, EIGHT SHOT, IN TEXTILE STRIKE RIOTS

TEXTILE STRIKERS FIRED ON WITH RIOT GUNS; ONE DEAD; SEVEN SHOT AT PAWTUCKET

Strikers Hear Riot Act Read, Then Attack Police—While Arrests Are Being Made Crowd Again Attacks.

Little Children Parade With Small American Flags in Natick, R. I., Where Machine Guns Are in Readiness.

Two Corporations Will Not Arbitrate Questions of Wage Reduction and Lengthened Hours With Workmen.

BEER TAX ALONE, 20 CENTS A GALLON, WOULD PAY BONUS

\$608,000,000 a Year, Treasury Experts Agree, Could Easily Be Obtained.

By David Lawrence.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (Copyright, 1922.)—Footnote or bonus—that's the question which now is being propounded here.

Shall the Government put a tax on light wines and beer, or even on beer only, and get more than enough money with which to pay the soldier bonus, or shall the bootlegger continue to get enormous profits which the Government is unable to reach either through the income tax or through prohibition enforcement?

In desperation, Congress is seeking a method to raise \$350,000,000 a year to pay a soldier bonus. Practically every new method of taxation suggested has enough foes to prevent adoption by both Houses of Congress.

The bond issue has been rejected by President Harding, the revival of the excess profits tax and nuisance taxes have also been taboed by Mr. Harding.

And now the agricultural bloc is fighting the sales tax on the ground that it will increase cost of living to everybody.

Under these circumstances Representative John Phillips Hill of Maryland, author of a bill to tax light wines and beer, asks why not gather in at least \$608,000,000 a year by such taxes and have more than enough to pay the soldier bonus?

"The American Legion has no objection to any method that may be proposed for raising revenue," said John Thomas Taylor, Chairman of the National Legislative Committee of the American Legion, who is conducting the fight for the bonus. "We believe the Senate and House committees are sufficiently competent to find ways to finance the bonus."

Speaking of the amounts which could be raised by taxing light wines and beer, Representative Hill told this correspondent to-day that taking the figures of 1914 on beer alone and imposing a tax of 20 cents a gallon the total amount that would be raised would be \$468,000,000. If that was the condition of beer in the face of competition with distilled spirits, how much more beer would be consumed if distilled spirits are absolutely prohibited? At least \$200,000,000 more taxes would be available, answered Mr. Hill. This grand total of \$668,000,000 might be available out of beer taxes is confirmed by Treasury Department experts.

Most officials have no doubt that

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HARDING SELECTS DEBT COMMISSION

Three of Cabinet, Senator and Congressman Named to Arrange Funding.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Nomination of Secretary Mellon, Secretary Hughes, Secretary Hoover, Senator Smoot and Representative Burton to be members of the Allied Debt Funding Commission will be sent to the Senate to-day, it was announced at the White House.

DOUG. HAS TO FIGHT PATH FOR MARY IN THROG AT COURT

Mostly All Men This Time, Only Ten Women Turning Out for \$108,000 Suit.

EVEN BLOCK TRAFFIC.

Mrs. Wilkenning Testifies Zukor Contract Was Due to Her Efforts.

Heroine worshippers and some hero worshippers to-day again crowded outside the doors of Judge Mack's court in the Federal Building when Mary Pickford, defendant in a suit for \$108,000 for alleged breach of contract, and her husband, Douglas Fairbanks.

Doug himself had to sid two deputy marshals to clear a path through the corridor so Mary could make her entrance, followed by her mother and a train of lawyers. The crowd surged so hard then against the doors that the deputy marshals had to use force to drive it back.

Most of the spectators, strangely enough, were men. Only ten women were in the court room to admire Mary's squirrel coat, her blue turban trimmed with gray wool, her "little" blue dress with its low white collar and her white spats and gloves. Doug's yellow overcoat and need of a haircut didn't attract much attention.

Mrs. Cora Clara Wilkenning, the play broker, who alleges Mary owes her 10 per cent. of a million-dollar contract made with Adolph Zukor in 1916, entered quietly and alone.

Mrs. Wilkenning, who testified yesterday that Mary had come to her in 1915 saying she thought she ought to have a million-dollar contract, as Charlie Chaplin had, and arranged with her to get off from other companies so Mr. Zukor would be forced to increase Mary's \$2,000-a-week salary, resumed the stand.

She identified a letter written by Benjamin H. Hampton in which he inclosed a \$1,000 check to bind a contract between Hampton and Miss Pickford, which she says she secured, whereby Mary was to receive \$350,000 a year. Mr. Hampton, she continued, withdrew from the actress was under contract to him until March, 1916.

She testified that when she discussed with Mr. Zukor whether Mary had signed a contract with another person, Zukor said:

"If Miss Pickford leaves me, I'm going out of the moving picture business, and I don't intend to do that." She then related that she obtained an agreement for Miss Pickford with John R. Freuler, giving the actress 50 per cent. of stock in the proposed company and a guarantee of \$10,000 a week for eighty-five weeks. She said Miss Pickford and her mother were in the room when Mr. Freuler made the offer.

"They hesitated," she testified, "and Mr. Freuler said: 'I suppose you're disappointed because it isn't a million dollars. Well, I'll add a bonus of \$150,000. That makes a million.'"

Miss Pickford seemed satisfied with

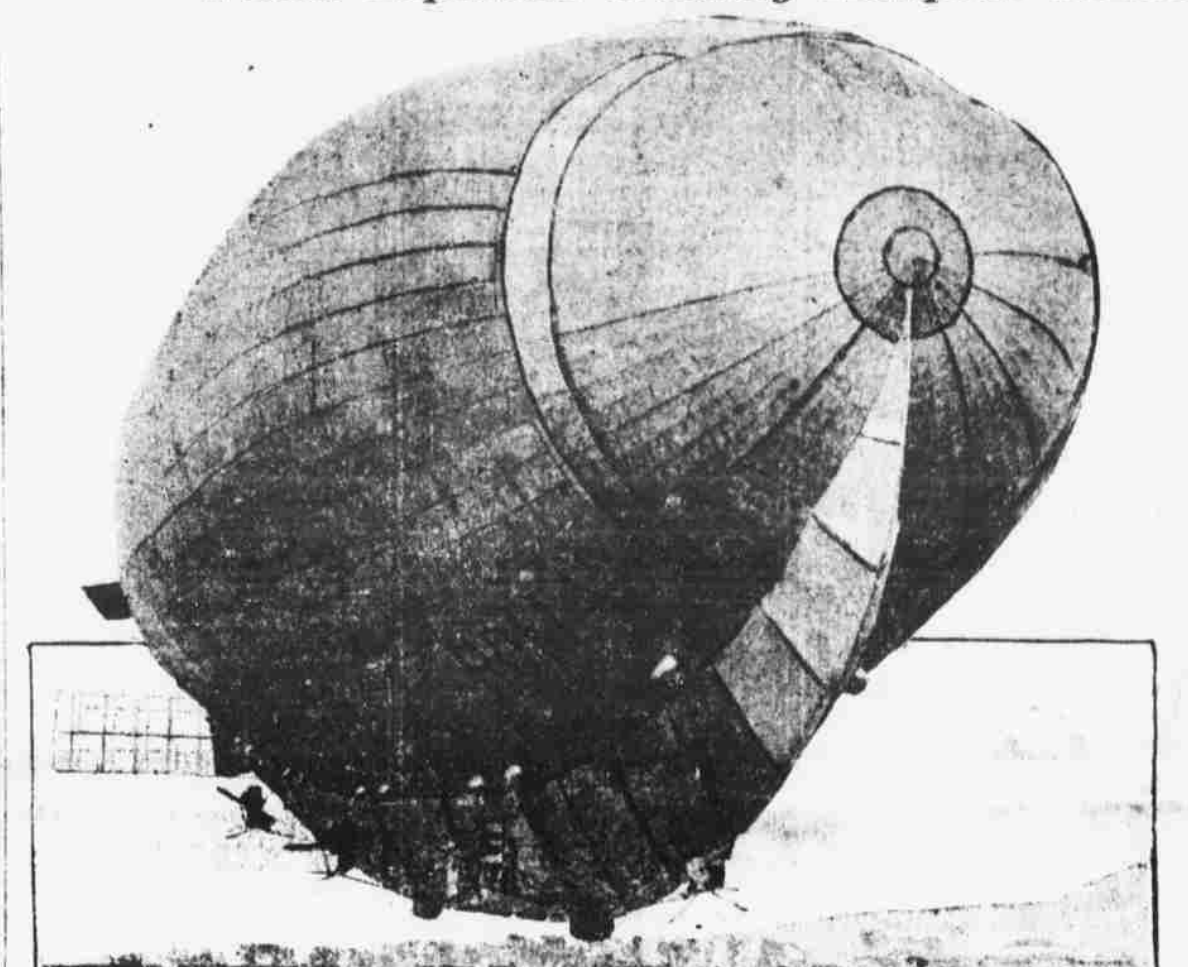
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BALFOUR REFUSES HIGHEST HONORS FROM KING GEORGE

Arms Delegate Declines Title for Fourth Time—To Remain Commoner.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The highest honors which King George can confer have been for the fourth time refused by Arthur J. Balfour, upon his return from the Washington conference.

Largest Semi-Rigid Dirigible in World Which Exploded Crossing Hampton Roads



DE VALERA URGES SPLIT IN SINN FEIN WITH TWO ARMIES

Better Than One Force Divided, He Pleads for Republic.

DUBLIN, Feb. 21 (Associated Press).—Eamon De Valera, apparently regarding a split in the Sinn Fein party as inevitable, openly advocated such a division in addressing the Ard Fheis, the National Sinn Fein Convention, at its extraordinary session to-day, saying it would be better for Ireland to have two armies each ready to assist the other if the country were imperilled rather than one army divided in itself.

Mr. De Valera's speech was the outstanding feature of the morning session of the Ard Fheis, which had only begun the discussion of the party's future policy for or against the Anglo-Irish Treaty when the luncheon adjournment was taken at 1:40 P. M. until 3 o'clock.

When Mr. Griffith rose at the beginning of the afternoon session to move his amendment to Mr. De Valera's resolution, he was given an ovation. Mr. Griffith's amendment affirmed that the peace treaty was fully justified by the Sinn Fein Constitution. He said he stood by the treaty because he firmly believed it was in the best interests of Ireland. He then launched into a vigorous defense of the agreement.

Mr. Griffith said he was determined that the people should decide the question of accepting or rejecting the treaty. Their verdict would be sufficient for him, and he would not attempt then to obstruct others working for other aims. In the same way, he would expect, if the Free State supporters won, that there would be no obstruction to it from its opponents.

Regarding Ulster, he said he wanted to win the present Unionists for Ireland, but was never in favor of coercing them. He closed with an appeal for Irish unity and peace with honor with England.

Long before the convention opened

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BRITISH ROYAL COUPLE BEGIN FESTIVITIES LEADING UP TO NUPTIALS OF PRINCESS MARY

King and Queen to Receive 1,500 Guests at Buckingham Palace.

LONDON, Feb. 21 (United Press).—Festivities connected with the wedding of Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles begin this afternoon, when King George and Queen Mary receive 1,500 guests at Buckingham Palace.

The Prince of Wales's present to his sister will be a motor car, it was learned to-day. The royal family is giving the Princess an antique clock, while King George already has given his daughter a piece of jewelry.

In reality there will be two processions on Feb. 28, the day of the wedding. Queen Mary and Queen Mother Alexandra with their escort and attendants will form the first, the King following shortly afterward with the bride and an escort.

The route will be through The Mall.

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FLAPPERS' STYLES CALLED DISPLAY OF WEAK-MINDEDNESS

July Furs and Winter Undress Assailed by Doctor in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21.—July furs and winter undress were held as signs of a weak mind by Dr. Charles Grayson in an address to the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania.

"Feeble-mindedness may display itself in a variety of ways," Dr. Grayson explained, "but probably in none more convincingly than by such follies as wearing furs in July and lightweight silk stockings and gold shoes in January."

The fad of flapping gossamers did not escape without a jab from the doctor.

4 ARMEN DEAD, 14 MISSING AS ARMY DIRIGIBLE ROMA EXPLODES AT HAMPTON ROADS

Rudder of Largest Semi-Rigid Airship in World Breaks and Forced Landing Causes Blast That Envelopes Ship in Flames.

NORFOLK, Jan. 21.—The dirigible Roma exploded at 2 P. M. to-day with the loss of at least four lives. Fourteen are reported missing, but reports as to the exact number so far are unconfirmed. The ship carried a crew of thirty as it left Langley Field. The rudder broke as it circled over the army base and the bag descended slowly to earth.

As its nose plowed into the ground, a tremendous explosion shook the frame and the bag was enveloped in flames. Four bodies were picked up. The intense heat of the flames rendered rescue work impossible, and until the fire is extinguished it will not be known as to the number of dead.

MARY GARDEN OUT AS OPERA DIRECTOR AFTER THIS SEASON

May Remain in Chicago Company as Singer; Not Coming to Metropolitan.

Announcement that Miss Mary Garden intends resigning her position as director of the Chicago Opera Company at the close of this season, if some one can be found to replace her, was made to-day by Howard E. Potter, her secretary. He added that Miss Garden expects to remain with the organization as a singer.

Definite decision will be withheld, Mr. Potter went on, until Miss Garden shall have had a conference next month in Chicago with Samuel Insull, the new President of the opera company. If Mr. Insull insists that she shall remain as the artistic head of the organization, she will do so, but just now Miss Garden feels it to be more worth her while to retire from that office.

"Miss Garden has received a \$250,000 offer for a concert tour from a New York manager," Mr. Potter said, "and she has many other interests which she has found impossible to carry out, owing to the demands upon her time exacted by her directorship and the attending responsibilities, annoyances, troubles and harassments of the position."

Lucien Muratore, leading tenor of the Chicago company, stated positively that unless Miss Garden resigns as director he will not sign a contract to sing with the organization next year.

A representative of the Metropolitan Opera Company said to-day that the company was negotiating with Miss Garden, looking to her joining that company.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21 (Associated Press).—Samuel Insull, President of the Chicago Civic Opera Association, which has charge of the Chicago Opera Company, declared he was not surprised when informed to-day that Mary Garden planned to resign as Director at the end of the present season.

"I have known for some time that she planned a reorganization of her personal affairs," he said, "and it is only common sense that she should be free to devote her time to the arduous duties of directing a company of grand opera singers."

"I sincerely trust Miss Garden is not in any way considering severing herself entirely from the Chicago Company."

The Roma was purchased by the United States from the Italian Government.

It was brought to this country aboard ship, after the disaster to the dirigible ZR-2, purchased from Great Britain, over the City of Hull, England.

The huge airship was making a series of test flights. It had been planned to take it on a tour of the whole United States.

The Roma was the largest dirigible owned by the United States Government and was purchased from Italy. Her mammoth gas bag had a capacity of more than a million cubic feet. A number of passengers were said to have been aboard.

Four men were rescued, but were badly burned.

An attempt was to be made by the Roma to smash the world's record for speed with a dirigible. Langley Field officials confidently expect the ship to make ninety miles an hour on the trip. The accident took place two hours after the ship left her hangar.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Roma, queen of the American army's dirigibles, was one of the largest craft of its kind in the world. It was the greatest dirigible in this country.

The big ship, only recently christened here with elaborate ceremonies, was built for the United States in Italy.

BAD CONSTRUCTION REPORTED CAUSE OF FATAL ZR-2 WRECK

Sensational Disclosures Promised When Air Ministry Makes Its Report.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—What are characterized as "sensational disclosures" are made in the Air Ministry's report into the R-38 disaster at Hull last summer, says the Air correspondent of the Evening Star to-day. The report has not yet been made public.

The R-38, renamed the ZR-2 when it was purchased by the United States from the British Government, collapsed over Hull while on a test trip, with the loss of more than forty lives, including nearly a score of Americans who were to have formed part of her crew.

The correspondent, who says no decision has been yet reached in regard to making public the report, asserts that much of the Air Ministry inquiry will be found to contain findings to all intents and purposes diametrically opposed to those of the naval airship experts, and he adds that "the whole system under which the ship was constructed is strongly condemned."